

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2370
ANSWERED ON:17.03.2008
COAL UNDER ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES ACT,1955
Patil Smt. Rupatai Diliprao Nilangekar

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for exclusion of coal from the purview of Essential Commodities Act, 1955;
- (b) whether requests have been received to re-include coal under the purview of Essential Commodities Act, 1955 being an important source of domestic fuel;and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a): Pursuant to the notification of the Colliery Control Rules, 2004 under the Mines & Minerals(Development & Regulation) Act,1957 coal has been deleted from the list of commodities under the Essential Commodities Act on the recommendation of the Ministry of Coal.
- (b): No such request has been received in this Department.
- (c): Does not arise.